

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

In response to the Amendment filed September 23, 2003, the Examiner removed the rejection of claims 2-12, but maintained the rejection of claims 1 and 16. The Examiner did not provide any comments on the arguments presented in the September 23 Amendment.

Claims 1 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by previously-cited Hower Jr. et al. (US 5,467,434; hereafter "Hower"). Claims 2-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant submits that claims 1 and 16 are not anticipated by Hower for the reasons described in the Amendment filed September 23, 2003, in addition to the following reasons. With regard to the "merging means comprising means for, when a desired printing condition color converting means is moved into said storage area" portion of claim 1, the Examiner cites col. 4, lines 52-55 of Hower. This portion of the reference discloses that "the combination examiner 37 includes software tools for comparing a combination of print job selections programmed with the UI 16 with a combination of printer properties provided in the stored printer profile." This excerpt of the reference fails to disclose or suggest a merging means comprising means for, when a desired printing condition color converting means is moved into the storage area, merging the moved desired printing condition color converting means with the output condition color converting means into a merged color converting means. Rather, the excerpt simply indicates that the combination examiner 37 compares a combination of print job

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selections, which were programmed with a user interface, with a combination of printer properties provided in a stored printer profile. Such a disclosure fails to indicate that when a desired printing condition color converting means is moved into a storage area is used in the merging of the moved desired printing condition color converting means with the output condition color converting means into a merged color converting means.

Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Hower for the above-noted reason, as well as the reasons presented in the September 23 Amendment.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a detailed response to the arguments.

Applicant submits that claim 16 is not anticipated by Hower for analogous reasons to those discussed above.

Also, claim 16 is amended to correct an error in the claim.


Additionally, new claim 17 is added by the present Amendment to further define the invention. Claim 17 is believed to be allowable at least because of its dependence from claim 16.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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